



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 24, 1998

### **H.R. 1756**

### **Money Laundering and Financial Crimes Strategy Act of 1998**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Banking and Financial Services  
on June 11, 1998*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1756 would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to develop a national strategy for combating money laundering and related financial crimes. The bill also would direct the Secretary to establish a grant program to support state and local law enforcement efforts against such crimes. This legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million over the 1999-2003 period to carry out these programs.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1756 would result in additional discretionary spending of about \$36 million over the 1999-2003 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. This legislation could lead to an increase in receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but we estimate that any increases would be less than \$500,000 annually.

H.R. 1756 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates, as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1756 is shown in the following table. For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays would be consistent with historical spending patterns for similar programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).



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